

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

**[c01]** A method of providing communications services, comprising the steps of:

receiving a communication from an originating party, the communication intended for a receiving party;

accessing a database of pre-created data messages, the database storing a pre-created data message having a common association between the receiving party and the originating party; and

communicating the pre-created data message.

**[c02]** A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of communicating the pre-created data message comprises communicating the pre-created data message via an Internet Protocol communications network.

**[c03]** A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of communicating the pre-created data message comprises wirelessly communicating the pre-created data message via a wireless communications network.

**[c04]** A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of communicating the pre-created data message comprises wirelessly communicating the pre-created data message via a pager communications network.

**[c05]** A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of receiving the communication comprises receiving a telephone call intended to terminate at the receiving party.

**[c06]** A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of receiving the communication comprises receiving a data message addressed to the receiving party.

- [c07] A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of communicating the pre-created data message comprises communicating the pre-created data message to the originating party.
- [c08] A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of communicating the pre-created data message comprises communicating the pre-created data message to another destination.
- [c09] A method of providing communications services, comprising the steps of:
- receiving a communication from an originating party, the communication intended for a receiving party;
  - accessing a database of pre-created data messages, the database storing multiple pre-created data messages associated with the receiving party;
  - selecting one of the pre-created data messages; and
  - communicating the pre-created data message.
- [c10] A method according to claim 9, wherein the step of communicating the pre-created data message comprises communicating the pre-created data message via an Internet Protocol communications network.
- [c11] A method according to claim 9, wherein the step of communicating the pre-created data message comprises wirelessly communicating the pre-created data message via a wireless communications network.
- [c12] A method according to claim 9, wherein the step of receiving the communication comprises receiving a telephone call intended to terminate at the receiving party.
- [c13] A method according to claim 9, wherein the step of receiving the communication comprises receiving a data message addressed to the receiving party.
- [c14] A method according to claim 9, wherein the step of communicating the pre-created data message comprises communicating the pre-created data message to the originating party.

- [c15] A method according to claim 9, wherein the step of communicating the pre-created data message comprises communicating the pre-created data message to another destination.
- [c16] A method according to claim 9, wherein the step of selecting one of the pre-created data messages comprises selecting one pre-created data message having a common association between the originating party and an additional condition, the additional condition specified by the receiving party.
- [c17] A method according to claim 16, wherein the additional condition comprises a time of a day that the communication is received.
- [c18] A method according to claim 16, wherein the additional condition comprises entries in an electronic calendar.
- [c19] A method according to claim 16, wherein the additional condition comprises presence information.
- [c20] A method according to claim 16, wherein the additional condition is based on a search of another database.
- [c21] A system, comprising:

- a Communications Module stored in a memory device, and a processor communicating with the memory device;

- the Communications Module receiving a communication from an originating party that is intended for a receiving party, the Communications Module accessing a database of pre-created data messages, the database storing a pre-created data message having a common association between the receiving party and the originating party, the Communications Module then initiating a communication of the pre-created data message.

[c22] A computer program product, comprising:

a computer-readable medium; and

a Communications Module stored on the computer-readable medium, the Communications Module receiving a communication from an originating party that is intended for a receiving party, the Communications Module accessing a database of pre-created data messages, the database storing a pre-created data message having a common association between the receiving party and the originating party, the Communications Module then initiating a communication of the pre-created data message.